

ACL/H-L RECIPROCAL SPACE  
CHARTER AGREEMENT

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Space Charter Agreement

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AND SAILING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 4th day of June, 1986 by and among Atlantic Container Line, A.B. ("ACL"), and Hapag-Lloyd AG ("H-L") and amended and restated as of this \_\_ day of July 2021.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS ACL operates as an ocean common carrier in the Trade (as defined in Article 4);

WHEREAS H-L operates as an ocean common carrier throughout the Trade;

WHEREAS cooperation between the Parties will enable them to achieve the goals specified in Article 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

Article 1:     Name

The full name of this Agreement is the "ACL/H-L Reciprocal Space Charter Agreement."

Article 2: Purpose

The Purpose of this Agreement is to permit the Parties to achieve efficiencies and economics, including expanded geographic coverage, in their services offered in the trade covered by the Agreement.

Article 3: Parties

The Parties to this Agreement are:

1. Atlantic Container Line, AB  
50 Cardinal Drive  
Westfield, NJ 07090
2. Hapag-Lloyd AG  
  
Ballindamm 25  
20095 Hamburg  
Germany

Article 4: Geographic Scope

This Agreement applies to ocean carrier services (whether direct or by transshipment, and irrespective of the origin or destination of the cargo) between ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States, on the one hand, and ports in Europe (Hamburg-Le Havre range and ports in the United Kingdom) on the other hand. All of the foregoing is referred to herein as the "Trade."

Article 5: Agreement Authority

5.1 Space and Vessels

- (a) ACL shall provide H-L with slots for 350 TEUs on each eastbound and westbound voyage of its weekly A service and H-L shall provide ACL with slots for a total of 350 TEUs on each eastbound and westbound voyage of its weekly AL2 and AL4 services (250 slots in each direction on AL2 and 100 slots in each direction on AL4). Slots shall be provided on such terms and conditions as the Parties may agree from time to time. Subject to cargo demand and space availability, either Party may charter additional slots on the aforementioned service(s) to the other on such terms and conditions as the Parties may agree from time to time. In addition, without further amendment hereto, the Parties may by mutual agreement revise the number of slots to be provided by each of them up or down by up to 25%.
- (b) The Parties shall keep one another advised of the port rotations and schedules of their respective services (including but not limited to drydockings, blanked sailings, and delays), and are authorized to discuss and agree on remedies/compensation for port omissions and/or blanked sailings. Each Party shall provide not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of any permanent changes in port calls, port rotation, or

other changes in its service. In the event either Party makes a permanent change to its service that the other Party acting in good faith considers to have a detrimental impact on its commercial interests, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith regarding revisions to this Agreement to address such detrimental impact.

- (c) Neither Party may sub-charter space made available to it hereunder to another carrier without the prior written consent of the other Party.

## 5.2 Equipment

The Parties may discuss and agree on standards for, and may interchange, purchase, lease, sublease, or otherwise cooperate in connection with, containers, chassis or other equipment as between themselves, or to, from or with others, on such terms as they may from time to time agree.

## 5.3 Facilities, Services and Supplies

The Parties may discuss and agree on the use of any terminal facilities, including their own; provided, however, that they shall negotiate and contract separately for stevedoring, terminal or other related services or supplies.

5.4 Administration

(a) The Parties may implement this Agreement by meetings, writings and other communications between them, and may make other arrangements as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes and provisions of this Agreement.

(b) The Parties, in implementing the Agreement, may agree on their respective rights, liabilities, and indemnities arising under this Agreement, including matters such as failure to perform, force majeure, general average, and insurance.

(c) Pursuant to 46 C.F.R. §535.408(b), any further agreement between the Parties, other than those concerning routine operational and administrative matters, will not be implemented unless such agreement has been filed and become effective under the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended.

Article 6: Officials of Agreement and Delegation of Authority

Any authorized officer of the Parties shall have the authority to execute and file, or to delegate the authority to execute and file, modifications to this Agreement on behalf of each of them.

Article 7: Membership, Withdrawal, Readmission and Expulsion

7.1 Either Party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing the other Party with not less than three (3) months' written notice of said withdrawal.

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7.2 In the event of cancellation or termination of the Agreement, the Parties shall remain liable to one another in respect of all liabilities and obligations incurred prior to the cancellation of all contracts outstanding at the date of cancellation or termination or the Agreement.

Article 8: Voting

Decisions under this Agreement shall be by mutual agreement of the Parties.

Article 9: Duration and Cancellation

This Agreement shall continue until terminated by mutual consent of the Parties, or until one of the Parties resigns pursuant to Article 7 hereof.

Article 10: Notices

All notices required to be given hereunder shall be given in writing addressed to the respective Parties as follows:

Atlantic Container Line, A.B.  
50 Cardinal Drive  
Westfield, NJ 07090

Hapag-Lloyd AG  
Ballindamm 25  
20095 Hamburg  
Germany



Article 11: Applicable Law

The interpretation, construction and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of England, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve the Parties of compliance with the Shipping Act of 1984.

Article 12: Arbitration

12.1 Any controversy or claim relating to this Agreement shall be referred to arbitration under the International Arbitration Rules of the London Court of International Arbitration ("LCIA"), provided that not less than sixty (60) days' notice of intention to refer the matter to arbitration, specifying the nature of the controversy or claim, shall have been delivered in writing to the other Party.

12.2 The arbitration shall be before a panel of three arbitrators unless the Parties agree that the arbitration shall be before a single arbitrator.

12.3 In such an arbitration, each Party shall appoint one arbitrator and the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the two arbitrators appointed by the Parties. If either Party fails to appoint an arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the request for arbitration, such arbitrator shall be selected and appointed by the LCIA. If the arbitrators nominated by the Parties fail to appoint the third arbitrator within thirty (30) days after their appointment, such third arbitrator shall be selected and appointed by the LCIA.

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12.4 If the arbitration is to be before a single arbitrator, the arbitrator shall be jointly appointed by the Parties. If such arbitrator shall not have been appointed within thirty (30) days after the request for arbitration, the arbitrator shall be selected and appointed by the LCIA.

12.5 The Parties agree to exclude any right of application or appeal to any courts in connection with any question of law arising in the course of such arbitration or with respect to any award made therein.

Article 13: Language

This Agreement and any and all notices, communications or other writing made in connection with this Agreement, shall be written in the English language. Neither of the Parties shall be obligated to translate such matter into any other language, and the wording and the meaning of any such matters in the English language shall govern and control.

Article 14: Severability

Should any term or provision in this Agreement be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, and the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each term or provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

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Article 15: Effective Date

This Agreement shall take effect on the date it becomes effective pursuant to Shipping Act of 1984, as amended.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to Agreement No. 010955 hereby agree this \_\_\_ day of July, 2021, to amend and restate the Agreement as per the attached pages, and to file the same with the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission.

ATLANTIC CONTAINER LINE, AB

HAPAG-LLOYD AG

By: Andrew J. Abbott

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: ANDREW ABBOTT

Name;

Title: PRESIDENT & CEO

Title:

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HAPAG-LLOYD AG

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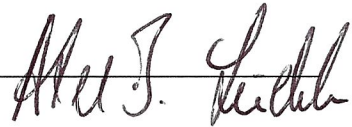
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